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Lt. Gen. John R. Vines, Multi-National Corps Iraq commanding general, awards Brig. Gen. Yves J. Fontaine, 1st Corps Support Command commanding general, the Legion of Merit.





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**Lt. Gen John R. Vines, Multi-National Corps Iraq commanding general, speaks to a group of coalitions forces during a ceremony marking the transfer of authority from 1st COSCOM to 3rd COSCOM at LSA Anaconda on Oct. 27.**

# 3rd COSCOM takes over

**By Pfc. Mark B. Matthews  
27th PAD**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Corps Support Command said goodbye to Logistics Support Area Anaconda upon successfully completing a year in Iraq and warmly welcomed the members of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Corps Support Command in a transfer of authority ceremony in front of the joint operations center October 27th.

Prior to the ceremony, Brig. Gen. Yves J. Fontaine, 1<sup>st</sup> COSCOM commanding general, received a Legion of Merit from Lt. Gen. John R. Vines, Multi-National Corps Iraq commanding general, for meritorious conduct during his tour in Iraq.

During the ceremony, Vines had a few words to explain how vital the mission is for a corps support command element in this theater.

"The reality is in this theater if you eat it, drink it or shoot it, you got it from a corps support command whether that be from 1<sup>st</sup> COSCOM or 3<sup>rd</sup> COSCOM," Vines said. "The scope and scale of what they do is so vast that most of us can't grasp it."

During Vines' speech he made one thing very clear to everyone in 1<sup>st</sup> COSCOM and 3<sup>rd</sup> COSCOM.

"There was a phrase said in a magazine some years ago about supporting the warfighters," Vines said. "But you all know you do not just support

warfighters you are warfighters."

After Vines concluded his remarks Fontaine had a few words to say about his experience in Iraq.

"It seems like only yesterday we were all in the MWR Center taking over the mission from 13<sup>th</sup> Corps Support Command," Fontaine said. "Since then, the 1<sup>st</sup> COSCOM troopers have traveled over 29 million miles on perilous roads in over 14,000 combat logistics patrols, issued almost 200 million gallons of fuel and 8 million short tons of supplies."

Brig. Gen. Rebecca S. Halstead, 3<sup>rd</sup> COSCOM commanding general, gave thanks to 1<sup>st</sup> COSCOM for their commitment and pursuit of excellence over the past year.

"The 1<sup>st</sup> COSCOM was instrumental for shaping and sustaining the success of the coalition, training and supporting the Iraqi Security Force, and making a difference in the lives, hopes and futures of the Iraqi people," Halstead said. "The 3<sup>rd</sup> COSCOM's commitment is to honor the efforts and accomplishments of the 1<sup>st</sup> COSCOM and take the missions to the next level."

The ceremony symbolized the end of one era and the beginning of another. However, the 1<sup>st</sup> COSCOM command seemed to feel as if they were leaving with their mission in good hands.

"I know the 3<sup>rd</sup> COSCOM is anticipating taking over this tremendous responsibility you are about to inherit," said Fontaine. "I applaud you for your preparation and eagerness to pick up where we are leaving off."

## Bush salutes military waging war on terror

**Armed Forces Press Service**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28, 2005 – President Bush opened a major speech about the war on terror today by praising the military and crediting veterans for the solid example they've set for today's troops waging a fight he said the United States won't abandon.

"We will never back down, we will never give in, and we will never accept less than complete victory," Bush told servicemembers, veterans and business leaders in Norfolk, Va.

The president emphasized that the United States is not to blame for the violence it has suffered at the hands of terrorists. "No act of ours invited the rage of killers, and no consequence, bribe or act of appeasement would change or limit their plans of murder," he said.

Acquiescing to the terrorists would only encourage them and advance their efforts to develop weapons of mass destruction, destroy Israel, intimidate Europe, assault the American people, and blackmail the U.S. government into isolation, he said.

"The stakes could not be higher," Bush told the group, noting that terrorists won't hesitate to strike the United States and its friends and allies around the world again if permitted.

"We did not ask for this global struggle, but we are answering history's call with confidence and a comprehensive strategy," he said.

That strategy has several fronts, Bush explained. It includes:

- Preventing terrorist attacks before they occur;
- Keeping terrorists from getting access to weapons of mass destruction;
- Denying terrorists support and sanctuary from outlaw regimes or states that sponsor terrorism; and
- Preventing militants from gaining control of any nation for use as a home base or launching pad for terrorism.

Working with its partners around the world, the United States is disrupting militant's conspiracies and their ability to make war, while giving millions of people in troubled regions an alternative to the hatred and violence terrorists endorse, Bush said.

But as those efforts continue, Bush acknowledged, the fight is far from over, and the road ahead will be long and difficult. "Wars are not won without sacrifice, and this war will require more sacrifice, more time and more resolve," he said.

The United States has made a choice and won't be swayed from its commitment to defeating terrorism, the president said. "We will confront this mortal danger to our humanity, and we will not tire and we will not rest until the war on terror is won," he said.

To members of the armed forces who will carry the largest share of that burden, Bush said, "This country's with you."

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Photo by Sgt. Marshall Thompson

Pfc. Quwana Pruitt and her twin sister Pfc. Quantella Pruitt attempt to pose in front of DFAC 4 on Oct. 27

# Twins get ready to redeploy

By Sgt. Marshall Thompson  
Editor

Many Soldiers would consider it a novelty to deploy to Iraq with a sibling, but for twins at Logistical Support Area Anaconda, it was only natural.

"We've been together all our life," said Pfc. Quwana Pruitt, a supply specialist with Co. D of the 1-159<sup>th</sup> Aviation Battalion.

She and her sister, Pfc. Quantella Pruitt, a supply specialist from Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the 18<sup>th</sup> Aviation Brigade, enlisted in the Army at the same time to get college money. They both want to study education and become teachers. Not only do they have the same date of birth, they have the same date of rank. When asked where they are from, they answer in unison, "Michigan."

The other Soldiers in their units were surprised to find that the sisters were together in Iraq.

"They ask, 'do you know what she's thinking? can you feel it if I hit her?'" said Quantella when asked what the most common questions for twins are.

Even though these two Soldiers are so similar, Quantella said she gets annoyed when people treat them like one person.

"If I give something to someone, they'll say, 'the twins gave it to me.' But I'm like, no, I gave it to you," Quantella said.

"Twins are not one person. Twins are different people," Quwana added.

Quantella and Quwana have missed their family back home, but said it's been nice to be able to look out for each other in Iraq.

"I know when she's sad. I can sense that," Quwana said. "But not when she's hungry, though."

Quantella has visited Quwana several times during their year in Iraq simply because she felt her sister might be sad. Their bond of sisterhood, however, extends beyond emotional support.

Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Melissa Robinson-Ellis, the 18<sup>th</sup> Aviation Brigade equal opportunity advisor, said that she often sees the girls running to check on each other after mortar attacks.

"They look after each other," Robinson-Ellis said. "It's great."

Quwana and Quantella return home in November and want to spend time with the rest of their family.

"She's not the only family I've got," Quwana said.

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## Question of the Week

# If you were home for Veteran's Day what would you be doing?



Capt. Megan Youngblood  
3rd COSCOM

"My dad's a vet, we'd be at his cabin in Tennessee back in the woods."



Master Sgt. Sandra Porter  
27th Trans

"I'd take it a lot more seriously than I did before I came to Iraq."



Pfc. Esther Jaques  
3rd CCOSCOM

"Having a barbecue with my family"



Spc. David Basques  
29th BCT

"I'd be at the beach surfing. We're from Hawaii."



Spc. Thad Song  
29th BCT

"I'd be at my favorite restaurant, Ono's, eating Hawiian food."



# Sick call medics battle the ‘cold’ war in Iraq

By Sgt. Ty Stafford  
Staff Writer

Caught a cold or sustained a minor injury? Go to your nearest troop medical clinic soon, but make sure you follow proper procedures before being seen.

When reporting for sick call, servicemembers at LSA Anaconda should have their military I.D. card and DA Form 698 or applicable service form filled out and signed by their supervisor for anyone below the rank of staff sergeant..

The sick call procedures are in place so that servicemembers use their chain-of-command and are accounted for.

“Any Soldier that thinks they are sick should come to sick call during sick call hours,” said Capt. Phillip Janssen, physician assistant at the Taskforce Warfighter clinic.

Although most medical clinics have personnel on staff 24 hours a day, there are typically no doctors or physician assistants on staff after 5 p.m.

“If a Soldier comes in with a runny nose or cough, the medic will usually tell them to come in during sick call and be seen by a doctor,” Janssen said.

Soldiers are not, however, discouraged from going to a medical clinic if they feel it is an urgent care situation, Janssen added.

Dental sick call is also available at Task Force Warfighter and the main dental clinic located in building 4003. The Warfighter clinic is also equipped with hearing test machines and flight physicals are available Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

“In two weeks we do more flight physicals than a month back at Bragg,” Janssen said. The physicals can be done in 72 hours pending no medical drawbacks during screening.

Although the Warfighter clinic is primarily for aviation assets, servicemembers can find TMCs all over LSA Anaconda.

“We see any airmen on a walk-in basis and we also do walk-in immunizations,” said Airman Frank Mictus of the Air Force Medical Clinic, but added that all emergencies are sent to the Air Force hospital on Anaconda.

For more sick call questions, troops should contact their closest TMC to schedule an appointment or visit during sick call hours.

Hours of operation and locations are listed in the graphic.



Photo by Sgt. Ty Stafford


Spc. Adam Cummiskey and Spc. Keith Moulton, look at a patient's medical chart at the Task Force Warfighter medical clinic.

### Sick Call Hours of Operations

**1065th Troop Medical Clinic**  
829-3035/829-3029  
Bldg. 4145  
Monday-Sunday  
24 hours

**Air Force Medical Clinic**  
443-7322  
Bldg. 4013  
Sick Call Hours:  
Monday-Saturday  
0700-1800  
Sunday  
0800-1200

**Main Dental Clinic**  
Bldg. 4003  
Mon-Sat  
0800-1100



**Task Force War fighter Medical Clinic**  
829-2164  
Bldg. 4016  
Mon/Wed/Fri  
0800-1000  
Mon/Wed  
1400-1600  
Tuesday/Thursday  
0800-1100  
Saturday  
0900-1100  
Sunday  
Urgent Issues Only

**Lava Clinic**  
829-1774  
Bldg. 4149  
Monday-Sunday  
0900-1200 and 1400-1700 except for Sundays

## Freedom Radio Frequencies



107.7	Baghdad
107.9	Sinjar
105.1	Mosul, Fallujah
107.3	Balad, Kirkurk, Tallil, Ar Ramadi
93.3	Q-West, Tikrit, Al Asad
107.1	Ridgeway
102.5	Camp Taji

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# Locals compensated for LSA land

**By Sgt. Jason Mikeworth  
Staff Writer**

Soldiers from the 29<sup>th</sup> Brigade Combat Team are helping show the ability of the United States to be a good neighbor to residents near Logistical Support Area Anaconda.

Nearly \$16,000 was paid out to local farmers who have given up land to expand the force protection of LSA Anaconda through the assistance of the 29<sup>th</sup>'s civil military operations section.

"It is the culmination of a tremendous amount of effort and a lot of patience on the part of the farmers," said Maj. Mark Lawton, the officer in charge of the civil military operations section. "It's the first time they've been paid since this base was secured by coalition forces."

Making the payments was not as simple as cutting a check. Challenges like determining land values, ensuring payments were made in accordance with U.S. laws and Army regulations, and navigating a labyrinth of Iraqi land ownership laws loomed like an insurmountable mountain, Lawton said. The task of climbing that mountain fell to Lt. Keith Bishop, also of the civil military operations section.

"He's clearly an expert on land claims," Lawton said.

While researching Iraqi land ownership laws, Bishop found that the former totalitarian government had nationalized all farmland, and only granted farmers rights to use the land. He also discovered laws preventing the farmers from leasing their farmland for any purpose other than farming had not yet been changed by the new government.

"We found that legally the Ministry of Agriculture is the owner of most of the land," Lawton said. "We didn't want to set up leases with them and have the money go into their coffers and the farmers get nothing."

Bishop was able to find a way to work around the problem of ownership, however, in the U.S. government's Foreign Claims Act. The act allows the government to pay foreign nationals for damages from U.S. forces through non-combat activities. Paying the local farmers



Photo by Sgt. Jason Mikeworth

**An Iraqi farm owner signs for his check as part of a U.S. plan to compensate land owners who have turned over property to improve security at Logistical Support Area Anaconda. 1st Lt. Keith Bishop from the 29th BCT works with an interpreter to finalize the deals.**

for denying them the use of the land versus leasing the land allowed the funds to be paid directly to the affected community.

Bishop said it was very important to make sure the money went to the people who lost the use of some farmland.

"It promotes the Iraqis perceptions of us as law-abiding and fair, and willing to make good on our promises," Bishop said.

Before any money could be paid, the Soldiers had to identify the rightful recipients. Although the farmers knew who used the land, the 29<sup>th</sup>'s civil military operations section needed legal documents to support the claims. The farmers had to gather a collection of court documents showing rights to the land. This not only helped keep everything legal, Bishop said, it fostered more confidence in the Iraqi legal system.

With a method to secure the funds in place and the recipients identified, Bishop embarked on a three step journey

to find the value of the land.

Bishop's first step was to figure out exactly how much land the farmers had relinquished. He walked the areas in question with the farmers, marking waypoints to measure precise areas.

The data was then sent to the Army Corps of Engineers, Gulf Region District, to have land formally measured and recorded.

With the U.S. measurements finished, they needed to be converted to the local measurement of donums.

The size of a donum varies from country to country, but in Iraq a donum is 0.247 acres, Bishop said.

The second step in the equation was to determine how long the land has been used by coalition forces. Lawton said they were able to check the records from the engineers who had implemented the force security measures at LSA Anaconda along with the recollections of the locals to accurately determine when the land was acquired by the military.

The final, and most controversial, step was to figure the value of the land.

Lawton said they didn't want to use an arbitrary figure, so they turned to the Iraqi Ministry of Agriculture. The Iraqi governmental agency tracks farm land value based on size of land as well as its distance to water, Lawton said.

Some of the farmers, who declined to be identified, expressed dissatisfaction with the final dollar amounts they received, but acknowledged the benefits of working with the American government over the former Saddam Hussein led regime.

"Before we could not go to a policeman [about losing land]," said one farmer. "He would shoot you. Now, you are helping us and we thank you for this."

Another neighbor of LSA Anaconda felt the money was an important part of continuing good relations between the military and the community.

"It's very good," he said. "It strengthens the relationship and keeps the friendship active."

## Bush: America's security linked to freedom in Middle East

**American Forces Press Service**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29, 2005 – As Iraqis marked another political milestone this week with the approval of a new constitution, President Bush stressed that success of the Iraqi government is critical to winning the war on terror and protecting the American people.

The passage of the constitution is a moment of tremendous significance for Iraq, the region and the world, and is something that would have been unthinkable under the rule of Saddam Hussein, Bush said.

"The Iraqi people have shown that individual rights

and rule by the people are universal principles and that these principles can become the basis for free and decent governments throughout the Middle East," he said.

The constitution received support from Iraqis of all ethnic and religious backgrounds, and there was significantly less violence during these elections than during earlier elections in January, Bush said. Even as a young democracy, the Iraqi government is already learning how to solve the country's problems, he added.

"The Iraqi people are resolving tough issues through an inclusive political process," he said. "And this process is isolating the extremists who wish to derail democracy through violence and murder."

Terrorists were closely watching the constitutional vote and used random bombings and attacks to try to break the will of the Iraqi people and stop them from voting, Bush said. However, he added, instead of surrendering to intimidation, Iraqis risked their lives to go to the polls and chose a future of democracy and freedom for their country.

"The political process in Iraq now moves forward," Bush said. "Iraqis will return to the polls in December to elect a new government under their new constitution. This government will be our ally in the war on terror, a partner in the struggle for peace and moderation in the Muslim world, and an inspiration for people across the Middle East to claim their liberty as well."



# Airmen help Iraqis get C-130s off the ground

By **Spc. Spencer Case**  
**Staff Writer**

High above the roads traversed by the new Iraqi army is another sign of progress - cargo planes adorned with the Iraqi flag.

At Logistical Support Area Adder, over 100 Iraqis are working with advisors from the U.S. to establish the first C-130 squadron in the new Iraqi air force. Though the crew members and maintenance team must keep their names and faces hidden for their own safety, they are proud of their accomplishments. In another seven months, they should be a fully functional C-130 squadron without U.S. advisors.

"My family is very proud of me, but they worry about terrorism," said a captain and pilot of Squadron 23 (Transport). "I am very proud to give a hand to enable my country and make my country the best in...the Middle East."

Since the squadron was formed in January, it has become increasingly functional and independent, said Air Force Maj. Roger Redwood, an advisor for the unit who flies in the co-pilot seat.

"I'd say now we're doing 60 percent missions, 40 percent training," Redwood said.

One mission that stands out in the minds of both U.S. advisors and the Iraqi crew took place in mid August. The unit flew a boy and his mother from Baghdad to Basrah so that he could be sent to the U.S. for a heart transplant.

"You could see it in their eyes that it meant a lot to them," said U.S. Air Force Capt. Jeremy Smith, a navigation instructor and advisor to the unit, about the heart transport mission. "You could see the sense of accomplishment that they were helping one of their own [instead of] the U.S. helping them. They were very proud."

About a week after the heart mission, they transported over 300 Iraqi troops to Tal Afar for their first combat airlift mission, which was the

This is the world's most challenging C-130 schoolhouse.

- U.S. Air Force Capt. Jeremy Smith

first time the Iraqi air force directly assisted other Iraqi forces in the War on Terrorism, Smith said.

Today, the unit is flying complex missions that involve making several stops and transporting a combination of passengers, vehicles and other cargo. They fly two or three missions per week, which adds up to around 20 flight hours per month. Though this is about ten hours less per month than a comparable U.S. unit would fly, Smith said the work load is steadily increasing.

Learning to run a C-130 unit in the middle of a combat zone is no easy task, said Smith, adding that the unit has attracted small arms fire on numerous occasions.

"This is the world's most challenging C-130 schoolhouse," Smith said.

Nevertheless, U.S. advisors say the Iraqi squadron is doing well considering the circumstances.

"We train them basically the same way we train our guys," Smith said. "We hold them to the same standard. They are smart guys and they know what they're doing."

"Our primary mission is training them at this point, we want to get them to a point where they're fully sustained on their own to be able to operate just like any other C-130 squadron worldwide," Redwood said. "We are well on our way to that, so they are doing very well."



Photo by Staff Sgt. Engels Tejeda

**Air Force Capt. Jeremy Smith, an instructor navigator for the new Iraqi air force, prepares for a flight on board a new Iraqi C-130 aircraft. Though American airmen fly along on each mission, Iraqi airmen are handling everything from piloting to loading and unloading the planes.**

## Drop Zone named after fallen rigger

By **Sgt. Mitch Armbruster**  
**Staff Writer**

An aerial resupply mission was cleared but needed a drop zone in an area that had not been surveyed. Staff Sgt. Charles Saulter, a parachute rigger with the 623<sup>rd</sup> Quartermaster Company, surveyed the area and named it Burri Drop Zone.

Spc. Eric Burri, a Soldier assigned to the 623<sup>rd</sup> stationed in Balad, was killed in action at the age of 22 and his fellow Soldiers vowed to help his memory live on.

Burri was a parachute rigger in the U.S. Army, but was acting as a gunner on combat logistics patrols. An improvised explosive device hit his vehicle, killing him.

Burri's fellow Soldiers, riggers with the 623<sup>rd</sup>, worked for an opportunity to honor Burri.

"We always take care of each other," said Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Jones, the shop NCOIC for the 530<sup>th</sup> Logistics Task Force, helping with a mission at Logistical Support Area Anaconda. "He is the first fallen rigger and our brother. The drop zone should be named after him."

Burri was one of Chief Warrant Officer 2 Michelle Zaballa's Soldiers. She met him fresh out of advanced individual training. Zaballa explained that Burri volunteered to move forward from Kuwait early to help in any way that he could. Burri wanted to help with the mission and gave the ultimate sacrifice for the Army, the



Photo by Sgt. Mitch Armbruster

**Soldiers from the 530th Logistics Task Force prepare a load of supplies to be dropped on Burri Drop Zone.**

nation, and the future of Iraq.

"It is an awesome feeling to be a part of something no one else is doing," Jones said. "Burri Drop Zone makes you feel like you are doing something great. This is what it's all about."

Servicemembers across the globe have sworn to uphold the rights and freedoms that they cherish. Burri and others like him have honored all Americans with their sacrifice.

Burri was from Wyoming, Mich.

## LSA ANACONDA Dining Facility

### Hours of Operation

**DFAC 1**  
Breakfast 6 a.m. to 9 a.m.  
Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Dinner 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Late Night 2 a.m. to 5 a.m.

**DFACs 2 & 3**  
Breakfast 6 a.m. to 9 a.m.  
Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Dinner 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Late Night 11:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

**DFAC 4**  
Breakfast 5:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.  
Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Dinner 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Late Night 11:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The DFAC hours for all locations are seven days a week. All patrons must be in the proper uniform and be able to present appropriate identification.

# Armored Security Vehicle tested

**By Spc. Spencer Case**  
**Staff Writer**

Soldiers in the security platoon of the 109<sup>th</sup> Quartermaster Company zeroed and test fired four Armored Security Vehicles (ASV) at Objective Hawaii, Oct. 25, in an exercise to prepare them for providing combat logistics patrol security during their tour in Iraq.

The active duty Soldiers of Fort Lee, Va. maneuvered four vehicles to the objective and fired several hundred rounds of ammunition from two weapons systems as a culmination of six days of ASV familiarization training. Brooks Hubbard IV, a Department of Defense civilian who is a training instructor for the ASV, said training like this will become more common as the Army puts the vehicle into larger production.

"Right now the ASV is important," Hubbard said. "The Army is looking for a secure platform for Soldiers to accomplish their missions.... The ASV... is able to take more of a punishment than the 1114 [humvee,] the Soldiers have more confidence, and basically, it saves lives."

The ASV, made by a company called Textron Systems, was originally contracted for Army MP's. The vehicle features an enclosed turret for better gunner protection, highway speeds exceeding 60 miles per hour and a weapon station with an improved 40 mm MK 19 grenade launcher and .50-caliber machine gun. The ASV is



Photo by Spc. Spencer Case

**Sgt. Shawn Fatula, an armored security vehicle team leader for the 109th Quartermaster Co., stands in the hatch of an ASV.**

suitable for a variety of uses, including reconnaissance, personnel carrier, or engineer vehicle. There are currently about 160 ASV's in Iraq and the Army plans to bring that number up to about 700 in the near future, Hubbard said.

Units deploying to LSA Anaconda receive their issue of ASV's from the ASV Fielding Center. Units then undergo 40 hours of operational training and 20 hours of tactical training over a period of six days. Soldiers learn to drive the ASV during daytime and nighttime conditions, perform basic maintenance and use the weapons systems.

Since the vehicles come straight from the factory, the

units receiving the vehicles install basic issue items such as mirrors and straps.

After completing the familiarization process with the ASV, Soldiers of the 109<sup>th</sup> expressed confidence in the new vehicle.

"I feel safer in this vehicle than any other vehicle so far in the military," said Spc. Donte Massenburg, a gunner for the 109<sup>th</sup>.

"I think it's a great vehicle," added Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Rich Winn, a platoon sergeant in the 109<sup>th</sup>. "It can take just about anything the enemy can dish out to us right now.... It will provide better security for us out there during engagements."



Photo by Sgt. Rachel Brune

**Spc. Barry Jenkins of Headquarters and Headquarters Company 101st Sustainment Brigade, performs the Verve Pipes' "Freshmen" during the MWR Talent Show Oct. 22.**

## Soldiers show talents

**Sgt. Rachel Brune**  
**101<sup>ST</sup> Sustainment Brigade**

From Bronx, N.Y., rap to drumming on the Indian *tabla*, the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Talent Show provided an international flavor in entertainment to Soldiers on Oct. 22 at Q-West.

Jerry Yonko, MWR supervisor, emceed the program, which showcased the talents of eight Soldiers and three civilians residing here.

Female vocalist Sgt. Octavia Nickle, 818th Maintenance Company, won the Talent Show with her rendition of "Leaving on a Jet Plane." Nickle, who performed with the Monster Garage Jam Band, is scheduled to redeploy soon.

The Q-West Drama Club started off the evening with a duo performance of "The Copper Clapper Caper," a Johnny Carson and Jack Webb sketch. Susan "Su-Z" Cothorn, MWR coordinator, and Don Schnell, of the fire department, deftly attacked the tongue-twisting skit to comic effect.

Airman 1st Class Kevin Czarnecki, 332nd Expeditionary Logistic Readiness Squadron, performed next on the guitar

with his rendition of "Glycerine" by the British rock group Bush.

The performance geography headed back to New York with an original rap piece performed by Bronx, N.Y., native Pfc. Manuel Terc, Co. A, 16th Signal Battalion. Terc wrote the song based on his experiences on deployment.

"I tell my moms every day on the phone/I'm doing my thing and holding my own," Terc rapped over a beat he downloaded from the Internet. He continued on the chorus: "Ain't nobody love me like you."

The rhythm of the music segued into a performance by Sgt. Rob Stocklas, 818th Maintenance Company, whose drum solo swung, rocked and stomped the beat across the drum set and a handy wooden stool. Stocklas was last seen onstage Sept. 25 at the dining facility, accompanying the Monster Garage Jam Band on the drums.

A new arrival at Q-West, Spc. Corey Franks, Co. B, 1-10th Aviation Regiment, received loud applause for his a capella rendition of H-Town's "Knockin' Da Boots."

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Engels Tejeda

Iraqi soldiers graduate from the Military Police Training School at An Numaniyah in southeastern Iraq. The Iraqi soldiers engage in a six week training course that focuses on job specific duties. Their faces have been blurred for their protection.

# Iraqis graduate MP school

By Staff Sgt. Engels Tejeda  
Staff Writer

Over 120 Iraqi soldiers graduated from the Iraqi army’s military police school at An Numaniyah in late October, marking the school’s second graduation since it opened in August, 2005.

Seeking to help standardize Iraqi military police units, U.S. liaisons from the Multi-National Security Transition Command – Iraq mentored Iraqi soldiers in the creation and operation of the school at the Iraqi training camp. “The mission is to create, train and equip 10 companies for the 10 divisions in the Iraqi army,” said U.S. Capt. Dane Sandersen, the senior adviser for the MP school and a member of MNSTC-I’s Coalition Military Assistance Team. “These units will provide support in the form of traffic circulation control, area security operations, law and order, [and] enemy prisoner of war [or] detainee control operations as required,” stated an official document titled “Military Police Development Plan.” Iraqi soldiers from around the country rotate through the school, taking part of a two-phase course that prepares them for the rigorous job ahead. Each phase is three weeks long. During the first phase, the MPs train on basic courses such as rifle and pistol marksmanship, traffic security team performance, and civil disturbance control. During the second

phase, they train on more advanced courses including cordon and search operations and platoon-level attacks or defenses during combat operations. According to Sandersen, each division in the Iraqi army has at least one military police company. He said that the companies have four platoons, three of which are standard military police. The fourth platoon specializes in handling enemy prisoners of war or detainees. So far, the two classes that have gone through the first phase of the training have given positive feedback. “The training was useful. I never trained like I trained here,” said Iraqi 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Nassar, a platoon leader with the 4<sup>th</sup> Iraqi army division out of Tikrit, with the help of an interpreter. “There is no doubt we are going to use this training in real life,” he added, noting that his platoon could begin military police operations as soon as three days after graduation. The Iraqi soldiers said they felt much of the success of the course could be credited to the dedication of their trainers and mentors. “The way of training was very understandable because the instructors gave us the classes in the classroom and then took us outside for the practical part. That was the fun part,” said Iraqi Sgt. Adam, a security enlisted soldier with the 4<sup>th</sup>. Although coalition troops will only serve as liaisons in the future, hand-picked American troops have been

providing the bulk of the training in the early stages, said U.S. 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Anthony Simpson, the senior enlisted adviser at the MP school. Simpson said that in selecting the liaisons, he looked for people who had experience teaching and who had military or civilian police experience. The result, he said, was a team of individuals who are excellent at what they do and who like doing their job. U.S. Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Mark Williams of the Coalition Military Assistance Team is one of the liaisons working at the MP school. He said that while his team worked hard to make the classes more understandable for the Iraqis, the Iraqi soldiers’ success was truly the result of “outstanding leadership and motivation” on their part. “They were great, outstanding. Ramadan made it a little difficult because they were out training and they couldn’t eat during those long hours,” Williams said, noting that the class attended school during the Islamic holidays. “But their commandant had a no nonsense kind of policy and they did great.” Williams said that though in a very small way, the graduation was evidence that a more independent Iraq is on the horizon. “Hopefully these Iraqis can take back their country and we can go back home. And that’s our ultimate goal,” Williams said. A new class begins in early November.



Photo by Sgt. Mitch Armbruster

Staff Sgt. Harold Allen and Pfc. Akil Bryant from the 126th Transportation Company work together to unload and disassemble equipment after a mission to FOB Endurance.

## The 126th keeps CLPs safe in Iraq

By Sgt. Mitch Armbruster  
Staff Writer

Security and combat logistics patrols (CLPs) are intertwined when describing the tactical movement between forward operating bases (FOBs) in Iraq. The 126<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company from Fort Bragg, N. C., is stationed at FOB Speicher. Their mission is to escort coalition and contractor CLPs between FOBs to deliver essential items and personnel to help sustain these areas. “We’re here to provide security for Kellogg, Brown and Root,” said Staff Sgt. Harold Allen, a Soldier with the 126<sup>th</sup>. From the turret of a gun truck, the gunner can see the road and anything that might pose a threat to the other vehicles. “As a gunner I’m here to provide security for the entire convoy and to keep a sharp lookout for anything that might hinder the convoy,” said Pfc. Akil Bryant, a gunner for the 126<sup>th</sup>. Improvised explosive devices (IEDs), mines and small arms fire have become a constant threat to the Soldiers on the road, but exhaustion and fatigue can pose a threat as well. “Sometimes these are long and boring rides. We see the same stuff on the road,” Allen said. “We try to keep everybody focused.” These Soldiers use humor to keep one another going during the long drive between FOBs. The active duty unit has been in Iraq nearly 12 months and the Soldiers have come to rely on each other for support and relaxation through a joke, a story or a memory.

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Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Jennifer K. Yancey

Col. Dick Toliver (right), a second-generation Tuskegee Airman, talks with fellow airmen during a visit to the Army Field Support Battalion - Iraq up-armor facility Oct. 27. Toliver and four members of the original Tuskegee Airmen came to Iraq to pay tribute to the next generation of men and women in uniform.

# Tuskegee Airmen visit Anaconda

By Sgt. 1st Class Jennifer K. Yancey  
27th Public Affairs Detachment

It was the greatest generation meeting the latest generation. Their visit to Logistical Support Area Anaconda etched one more chapter in their storied history. But more importantly, they came to ensure their legacy continued with the next generation of airmen. More than 60 years have passed since the legendary Tuskegee Airmen pierced the skies over Europe. Recently, some of the original members returned to yet another combat zone in tribute to today’s men and women in uniform. They visited with the servicemembers of Army Field Support Battalion – Iraq, patients and staff at the Air Force Theater Hospital, and met with dozens of other servicemembers around LSA Anaconda. Airmen from the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing were special witnesses to living history, in seeing for whom their

unit was named. The first all-black combat unit, the 99th Pursuit Squadron (later Fighter Squadron), was introduced into the Army Air Corps in 1941. Its pilots trained at Alabama’s Tuskegee Institute. Advanced training took place at Tuskegee Army Airfield. Their mission: to escort and protect bombers. In 1944, three squadrons were added to the 99th: the 100th, 301st and 302nd. These four squadrons then became the 332nd Fighter Group – now known as the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing. During World War II, their struggle involved not just fighting a war, but also enduring prejudice at home and abroad. “They not only fought a serious, determined enemy in the Luftwaffe, but they also fought serious issues in their own country,” said Chief Master Sgt. Layton Clark, 332nd AEW command chief. For the Tuskegee Airmen, the best responses against racism lay in the cockpit. The 332nd is the only WWII outfit to

have never lost a bomber in their care. “The world said they couldn’t do it, but they did it,” said Air Force Col. Michael Dillard, 332nd Expeditionary Maintenance Group commander. The 332nd EXMG dedicated a conference room to Lt. Col. Lee Archer – the only African-American “ace” – credited with downing more than four enemy aircraft. Archer credited maintenance teams for his successful missions, in and out of combat. “I’ve flown many missions,” Archer said. “But I made them all because of maintenance.” Archer never thought that what he did would someday be considered special. “It wasn’t to get any honors,” he said, “but to do what young people do for their country.” During a legacy dinner held in honor of the Tuskegee Airmen, Archer repeated his reason for duty, “We did it for our country. We had a responsibility to our country.”

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Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Jennifer K. Yancey

Members of the original Tuskegee Airmen visit with patients and staff at the Air Force Theater Hospital here.



# Iraqis work supply depot

By Staff Sgt. Monika Comeaux  
Staff Writer

The Iraqi military is gradually setting up warehouses and is building their own supply system with the help of the U.S. Army.

The Taji National Depot is the central hub, the largest Iraqi warehouse in the country with over 45 warehouse buildings.

"The basic mission of the depot is to receive, store and issue equipment to the Iraqi Security Forces and the Iraqi army," said Lt. Col. David W. Rowland, a Reserve quartermaster officer from the 80<sup>th</sup> Training Division, who is now the commander of the depot.

"The operations started in March of 2005. About 30 Soldiers started the operation off," said Capt. Jason P. Horn, a Reserve quartermaster officer also from the 80<sup>th</sup> Training Division.

Today, the warehouse operates with approximately 30 coalition soldiers, 300 Iraqi soldiers and 200 contractors. The coalition soldiers are part of the military transition team (MiTT) assigned to aid the setup and training of the depot personnel.

Right now the supplies for the depot come from the Multi National Security Transitional Command Iraq.

The Iraqi system mirrors the U.S. supply requisition and distribution system, only it is a little simpler. The customer identifies the needs and informs the J4 located in Baghdad. Baghdad then sends the depot a 'pull-list' of items that need to be pulled for the customer. The depot pulls and stages the items, and places them on transportation assets



Photo by Capt. J. Matt Andrews

**An Iraqi soldier drives a forklift around in one of the 45 buildings of the Taji National Depot.**

awaiting clearance to ship to the designated areas. When the items are shipped, the warehouse subtracts the items from their computer based system, called "EXCEEDS," Rowland explained.

EXCEEDS is also used for placing the actual orders through the Internet to J4, said Chief Warrant Officer Martin De Jesus, a MiTT logistician working with the depot. Since most Iraqi units do not have Internet access, the U.S. military transition team assigned to the particular unit will often place the order for them. The items are tracked by national stock numbers, just like in the U.S.

"Once the order is received in Baghdad, the warehouse generally issues out the supplies within 72 hours," Rowland said.

Taji is not the only warehouse. There are smaller hubs throughout the country. For example, there is one in Abu Ghraib.

The warehouse receives, stores and issues military boots, underwear, socks, shoes uniforms, vehicles, ammunition and even weapons, Rowland said.

The Iraqi soldiers are currently issued the 'chocolate chip cookie' uniforms the U.S. Army wore during the Gulf War. They also receive some of the old grey Army physical fitness uniforms, socks, T-shirts, boots and New Balance tennis shoes, Horn explained.

The depot is continuously expanding, De Jesus said. Later on this year, they are hoping to open a building for medical supplies.

Members of the MiTT train the Iraqi soldiers on a daily basis on the supply procedures.

"We do have some language difficulties, but we have 13 interpreters on the site which is ample enough to get the job done," Horn said. They are also continuously working on translating all documents and inventories, and hopefully by December of this year, everything will be in Arabic."

"This will be a permanent base for the long term. Iraqis will assume control rather quickly instead of us doing the actual day to day duties," he said.

## Going on Emergency Leave?

**Don't forget,**



**you MUST  
have civilian  
clothes to  
be able to  
fly out!**

**Also make sure you  
have a copy of your  
orders on you at all  
times, even when  
you are at home!**

# Attacks sign of progress

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1, 2005 - It's little surprise that October turned out to be one of the most violent months in Iraq, as insurgents stepped up their attacks in an unsuccessful attempt to disrupt the Oct. 15 referendum, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff told Pentagon reporters today.

"It's understandable that the two months that have had the highest casualties were last January and this October," Marine Gen. Peter Pace said. Both were election months during which more U.S. and coalition forces were on the ground in Iraq to help maintain security, he pointed out.

"And as we projected would happen, the insurgents were trying to divert the Iraqi people, prevent them from participating in the political process," he said.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld cited a pattern of increasing troop strength during election times, when terrorists are most likely to try to disrupt that process. However, he said, no decisions have yet been made about troop strengths during Iraq's upcoming Dec. 15 national elections.

"But it would not be a surprise to me that the

commanders would want to have some sort of an overlap there," the secretary said.

Improvised explosive devices remain a big concern, Pace said. He noted that while attacks are on the increase, their actual effectiveness has dropped.

"Between the increase in armor and the changes in tactics, techniques and procedures that we've employed, the numbers of ... IED attacks that have been effective has gone down, and the numbers of casualties per effective attack has gone down," he said.

Meanwhile, the military is doing everything in its power to help protect troops against these attacks, Pace said.

"We are continuing to work through all of our technologies, tactics, techniques and procedures to provide to our soldiers and Marines on the ground the best possible personal protection - not only in the form of armor, but also in how we operate on the battlefield," he said.

Pace declined to provide specifics about how insurgents are deploying roadside bombs or how coalition forces are protecting themselves against them, "because that really would put our troops at risk," he said.

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# Soldiers keep building on their way home

**By Sgt. Jason Mikeworth  
Staff Writer**

Now that the 463<sup>rd</sup> Combat Engineer Battalion (Heavy) has completed missions in an arc from Mosul to Abu Ghraib, they have started packing up their gear and are almost ready to call it quitting time.

Almost.

While thoughts of home are closer to the front of their minds than back, the Soldiers of the 463<sup>rd</sup> are still working to improve Logistical Support Area Anaconda.

"We're getting to do what combat heavy is designed to do, and lots of it," said Capt. Mark McLain, a civil engineer and technical assistant to the planning and operations section for the battalion. "What we've done shows what a Reserve unit has as far as unique capabilities."

McLain said the skills brought to Iraq by these citizen Soldiers has been invaluable to accomplishing the battalion's mission.

"We've got people who are carpenters and home builders by profession. We've got key people who work for survey firms," McLain said. "This adds to our flexibility because the people who are doing the work, they do it every day, so they know what will and won't work based on the materials that we get."

Master Sgt. Ronald Lauff, the battalion's operations sergeant, said he was impressed by the way the unit has been able to pull together to accomplish every mission it has been tasked with successfully.

"I think it really speaks to the quality of Soldiers that are in the Reserves," Lauff said.

Before deploying, the battalion had only about 40 percent of the personnel it needed to meet the mission requirements.

Through cross-leveling Soldiers from other units and augmenting from the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR), the unit was able to reach 100 percent readiness for six weeks of pre-deployment training.

"Over half the unit was transferred in," said Master

Sgt. Daniel Kumm, the battle captain for the 463<sup>rd</sup>. "We built our unit cohesion on the ground here."

The unit has helped to establish and build up many forward operating bases, including Q West, Warhorse, LSA Anaconda, al Asad, and Rahwah. Along the way the unit has moved over 1.5 million cubic yards of earth during construction projects.

"We can start from the ground up. We have all of the equipment from earth moving, concrete, asphalt, to electricians, plumbers and carpenters," Kumm said.

The battalion has also helped to deconstruct several FOBs while preparing others to be turned over to Iraqi forces, Kumm said.

"We've helped establish Iraqi bases so they can become the overwhelming presence so we can move towards the overall goal of leaving this country," Kumm said.

The 463<sup>rd</sup> has also worked to repair many major supply routes as well as alternate supply routes. McLain said that improving the roads helped U.S. forces move through the area quicker. Part of the repair work included filling in holes left by improvised explosive devices.

"It's one less place where insurgents can hide IEDs," McLain said.

In addition to road repairs and force protection upgrades for numerous FOBs, the 463<sup>rd</sup> has also completed work on two fuel farms for al Asad and Q West, and has finished 19 SEA huts on LSA Anaconda intended to replace the transient housing tents some Soldiers are living in currently. An additional three SEA-Huts are still under construction, with Soldiers of the 463<sup>rd</sup> working alongside their replacements from the 505<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion.

Kumm said he feels the unit has contributed in a meaningful way to the overall mission in Iraq, and that he thinks the unit will redeploy with some very valuable lessons.

"I think it was a large learning experience for a young reserve unit that hasn't deployed to too many places," Kumm said.



Photo by Sgt. Jason Mikeworth

**Sgt. Kendall Wilkinson and Spc. Christopher Marshall, both of the 463rd Engineer Combat Battalion, measure a board before cutting while working on the construction of SEA huts at Logistical Support Area Anaconda.**

## Iraqis go to supply school

**By Staff Sgt. Monika Comeaux  
Staff Writer**

The schoolhouse has desks, chairs, computers and lots of classrooms. Students in Iraqi military uniforms rush down the hallways. A separate building houses the maintenance bay, where students complete practical exercises. The only thing the Iraqi Army Supply Services Institute, IASSI, may be missing is a bell.

The school was established in January of 2005. It started off in a bombed out building, with a couple of tables and chairs, said Capt. David J. Kaczmarek, a liaison officer between the 46<sup>th</sup> Corps Support Group and the 1<sup>st</sup> Motorized Transportation Brigade, who is also known as the resident Iraqi affairs expert on Camp Taji.

The school was originally set up and staffed by the Australian army. They arrived at Taji in November of 2004, starting to make arrangements for the school. Since Camp Taji is run by the U.S. Army, it was inevitable that the U.S. would provide maximum support for the Australians, he said.

Today, the school is run by U.S. and Australian military personnel acting as advisors. Most of the instructors are Iraqi military personnel, who have been through the courses already.

The curriculum is an amalgamation of the U.S. and

Australian service support doctrines, which are very similar, said Capt. Dominik U. Nagic from the 183<sup>rd</sup> Maintenance Company, who is now an officer training team advisor at the IASSI.

The school falls under the Coalition Military Assistance Transition Team, which is under Multi National Security Transitional Command Iraq. That is where they get most of their budget from, said Marine Lt. Col. Philip A. Colborn, an aviator, who is now the officer in charge of the school.

According to Nagic, the school has two main programs: the officer program and the noncommissioned officer program.

"They are all supervisor-type courses," Colborn said. Within each one of those programs there is maintenance, supply and transportation training. The school also has a separate medical program.

Currently 350 students are in training. So far the IASSI has graduated 1,300 Iraqi soldiers since they opened their doors.

Sgt. Hossen is a 20-year old radio technician from the Iraqi army. He is in one of the maintenance courses offered by the school.

He speaks English fairly fluently, which he mostly learned from movies.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Monika Comeaux

**An Iraqi soldier, who is a student at the Iraqi Army Supply Services School, checks parts of an engine used for practical exercises in the maintenance bay of the school.**

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# West MWR Schedule

**Army vs.  
Air Force  
Thanksgiving Day  
Basketball Game**  
Come support your team,  
both women's and men's, at  
the Main Gym, Thanksgiving  
Day at 7:30 p.m.

**TEXAS HOLD'EM**  
at the  
Panther Pavilion  
Mondays at  
2 p.m. and 8 p.m.



 **Darts  
Tournament**  
A darts tournament  
will be held Sundays  
at 8 p.m.

 **8-Ball  
Tournament**  
**Tuesdays at  
1 p.m. and 8  
p.m.**

 **Game Night**  
Game night  
will be every  
Friday at 8 p.m.  
Games featured  
will include Risk,  
Battleship and  
Dominoes.



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FLIPL and Reprimand Rebuttals  
Personnel Claims and Wills

## LSA Anaconda Fitness Center

### Pilates

The LSA Anaconda Fitness Center  
offers Pilates classes at 5:45 a.m. Mon-  
day, Wednesday and Friday.

### Aerobics

There will be an aerobics class Mon-  
day, Wednesday and Friday at 6 p.m.  
Freestyle aerobics is Saturday at 9  
a.m., and today at 1 p.m.

### Karate

Karate classes will be Sunday,  
Monday, Wednesday and Friday at  
7:15 p.m.

### Tae Bo

The LSA Anaconda Fitness Center  
offers Tae Bo classes Tuesday, Thurs-  
day and Saturday at 5:30 a.m.

### Kobushi Sessen Jutsu

The LSA Anaconda Fitness Center  
offers classes in the feudal warrior  
combat art Tuesday, Thursday and  
Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

### Capoeira

The LSA Anaconda Fitness Center  
offers capoeira classes Sunday at 6  
p.m and Monday, Wednesday and  
Friday at 8:30 p.m.

### Nihon Goshen Aikido

The LSA Anaconda Fitness Center  
offers Nihon Goshen Aikido classes at  
5:30 p.m. every Tuesday, Thursday  
and Saturday in the Sprung Gym.

### Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Combatives

Classes will be  
Sundays at 8:30 p.m. and Wednes-  
days and Fridays at 8:30 p.m.

# East MWR Schedule

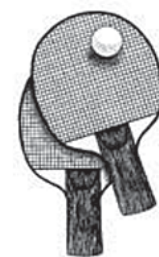


### Karaoke Night

Open-mike nights will  
be every Saturday at 8 p.m.

### Table-Tennis Tournament

A Table-tennis tour-  
namment will be every  
Sunday at 3 and 8 p.m.



### 8-Ball Tournament



An 8-ball tourna-  
ment will be held  
every Monday at 3  
and 8 p.m.

## Redeployment Briefings

Briefing will be held in a new  
location. For location call  
Staff Sgt. Litrena Gordon at  
829-1815

## Going Home?

A Naval Customs will be holding  
briefings for returning units. The  
Briefings will cover MILVAN  
inspection and restricted items.

The brief will cover container and  
MILVAN inspections, prohibited items,  
and tips on how to make the process go  
well. Customs inspectors will be there to  
answer questions

For questions and reservations call  
MT1 McCreary:  
**829-1824**



Movie Schedule

# Sustainer Reel Time Theater

(schedule is subject to change)

**November 6**

3 p.m. Dreamer  
6 p.m. 40 Year Old Virgin  
9 p.m. Skeleton Key

**November 7**

6 p.m. Skeleton Key  
7:30 p.m. Exorcist: The Beginning  
9:30 p.m. Dreamer  
11:10 a.m. March of the Penguins

**November 8**

3 p.m. 40 Year Old Virgin  
6 p.m. Skeleton Key  
9 p.m. Dreamer

**November 9**

3 p.m. March of the Penguins  
6 p.m. Dreamer  
9 p.m. 40 Year Old Virgin

**November 10**

3 p.m. Dreamer  
6 p.m. 40 Year Old Virgin  
9 p.m. Undiscovered

**November 11**

3 p.m. March of the Penguins  
6 p.m. Weather Man  
9 p.m. Weather Man  
12 a.m. Weather Man

**November 12**

3 p.m. The Cave  
6 p.m. Weather Man  
9 p.m. Red Eye



# Religious Schedule

**Roman Catholic Mass**

Saturday 5 p.m. Tuskegee Chapel  
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Freedom Chapel  
Sunday 9 a.m. Tuskegee Chapel  
Sunday 11 a.m. Provider Chapel  
Sunday 8 p.m. Provider Chapel Annex  
Mon.-Fri. 7 p.m. Tuskegee Chapel

*Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
(30 minutes prior to each mass)

**Church of Christ**

Sunday 2 p.m. Tuskegee Chapel

**Islamic Prayer**

Friday 12:30 p.m. Provider Chapel

**Samoan Congregational Service**

Sunday 4 p.m. Provider Chapel

**Latter Day Saints**

Sunday 1 p.m. Provider Chapel  
Sunday 3 p.m. Freedom Chapel  
Sunday 7 p.m. Tuskegee Chapel  
FHE Provider Chapel Annex 7 p.m.

**Jewish Prayer**

Friday 6:30 p.m. Provider Chapel Annex

**Protestant-Gospel**

Sunday 11 a.m. Sustainer Indoor Theater  
Sunday 11:30 a.m. Freedom Chapel  
Sunday 7 p.m. Provider Chapel

**Protestant Praise and Worship**

Sunday 9:30 a.m. Sustainer Indoor Theater  
Sunday 11:00 a.m. Eden Chapel (Bldg. 4148)  
Sunday 6:30 p.m. MWR Tent 29th Spt. Bn.  
Sunday 7 p.m. Freedom Chapel  
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Freedom Chapel

**Protestant-Contemporary**

Sunday 11 a.m. Town Hall

**Protestant-Traditional**

Sunday 9:30 a.m. Provider Chapel  
Sunday 10 a.m. Freedom Chapel  
Sunday 5:30 p.m. Tuskegee Chapel

**Protestant-Liturgical Service**

Sunday 7:30 a.m. Air Force Hospital Chapel

Religious schedule subject to change

## Movie Synopsis for Nov. 5 - Nov. 12

**Skeleton Key**

PG-13, horror, 104 min  
Kate Hudson, Gena Rolands

Caroline is a twenty-five-year-old hospice worker who cares for the ailing and the elderly, a job designed to atone for her own mistake of ignoring her dying father in the past, when she had been a rock 'n' roll manager. After her latest charge passes away, Caroline takes a job in Louisiana, caring for Ben, a stroke-victim who is bed-ridden and cannot speak. But Caroline becomes suspicious of the house, and Ben's cold wife, Violet only adds to the creepy atmosphere. After acquiring a skeleton key, Caroline makes her way into a secret room within the attic where she discovers hair, blood, bones, spells, and other instruments for practicing voodoo.

**The 40 Year Old Virgin**

R, comedy, 116 min  
Steve Carell, Catherine Keener

40-year-old Andy has done quite a few things in his life. He's got a nice apartment with a proud collection of action figures and comic books, good friends, and a nice attitude. But there's just one little thing he hasn't quite gotten around to doing yet — something most people have done by his age. Andy's never, ever, ever had sex. His friends at the store consider it their duty to help, but nothing proves effective enough until he meets Trish, a 40-year-old mother of three. Andy's friends are psyched by the possibility that "it" may finally happen...until they hear that Andy and Trish have begun their relationship based on a mutual no-sex policy.

**March of the Penguins**

G, documentary, 84 min  
Morgan Freeman

Emperor penguins overcome daunting obstacles in order to return to their breeding grounds for mating season. This tells the story of one year in the life of a flock — focusing on one couple in particular — as they trek across the Antarctic on an annual journey that invokes just about every major life experience: from birth to death, from dating to mating, from comedy to tragedy, and from love to fighting for survival.

**The Weather Man**

R, comedy/drama, 102 min  
Charlize Theron, Francis McDormand

Popular Chicago weatherman, Dave Spritz, has a shot at the big time when a national morning television show calls him for an audition. Professionally, Dave is on the top of the world, but his personal life is in complete disarray. Dave's painful divorce, his dad's illness and trouble with his kids have him poised on the knife's edge between stability and disaster. The harder he tries to control events, the more he finds life, like the weather, is completely unpredictable.

**The Cave**

PG-13, action, 97 min  
Morris Chestnut, Eddie Cibrian

A rescue team is sent down into the world's largest cave system to try to find the spelunkers. But they are hunted by monstrous creatures.



# Renegades deliver on Iraqi roads

**Sgt. Rachel Brune**  
**101<sup>ST</sup> Sustainment Brigade**

A mile in Iraq seems longer than most when you factor in the dust, the night driving, the improvised explosive devices and the small arms fire.

The 494<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company's third platoon "Renegades" know how long an Iraqi mile is. They've logged more than 160,000 of them.

As on every mission, the Habur Gate to Q-West run Oct. 4 began with a thorough check and servicing of all the vehicles. Aided by the "Cold Steel" maintenance platoon, Soldiers ensure their trucks can make the trip without breaking down on the streets of Iraq.

When the sun went down, the mission briefing room adjacent to the 494th motor pool began to fill. Staff Sgt. Russell Rook, truck driver, squad leader and commander for this mission, took charge of the room.

Rook is into audience participation. Calling on different Soldiers to explain how to deal with various situations they might encounter, he knew by their unhesitant answers that his troops were ready to roll.

The 494th is also into group participation. Rook announced the brief for the nine-line medical evacuation, a set list of codes used to make a call for medevac as brief and accurate as possible.

"Line one," Rook exclaimed.

"Location," responded 30 Soldiers, their voices reverberating in the enclosed area.

Continuing to use joint participation, Rook covered the entire nine-line sequence and the rules of engagement.

"The Soldiers are pretty well trained. They react well by now," Rook said. "By the time you tell them what to do, they're already doing it."

Quiet, with a reputation among his Soldiers for getting missions in on time, Rook takes turns swapping mission commander duties with Staff Sgt. Destiny Jackson, truck driver and platoon sergeant. For this mission, Jackson is assistant mission commander.

One of the reasons her Soldiers are so proficient may be that they have dealt with all of these situations in real life. The platoon has called for a medevac, reacted to small arms fire and reacted to IEDs, Jackson said.

"We get everyone involved, so everyone knows what to do," Jackson said.

This mission was to escort third country national trucks to Habur Gate and escort some more down to Forward Operating Base Q-West.

Running at night means the mission avoids congestion. With the curfew in effect, it's a little bit safer getting in and out of the city, according to Rook.

The Renegades staged their vehicles in the movement control yard. A small local national restaurant serves food from



Photo by Sgt. Rachel Brune

**Pfc. David Moody, 494th Transportation Company truck driver, checks the headspace and timing on his .50-caliber crew-served weapon before heading out on a mission Oct. 5.**

approved sources until the early morning hours, and several Soldiers took time for a snack and something to drink.

The mission commander finished the paperwork, the appointed time arrived and the Soldiers mounted up their vehicles to perform final communications checks. Rook checked the operations of the movement tracking system, or MTS, a global positioning satellite system that allows vehicles to communicate with each other and back to the company tactical operations center.

If this mission were a movie, some loud rock music would be on the soundtrack. Instead, the rumble of the diesel engines, a few jokes from the driver and the clanking of the turret as the gunner locked it into place filled the silence.

Oct. 4 turned into Oct. 5 as the trucks rolled through the labyrinthine streets of Mosul and over the straight, flat highways of the surrounding countryside. A new moon illuminated faintly the silhouettes of the passing vehicles, outshone by the headlights of the vehicles passing in the dark.

The Renegades are a platoon of relatively new Soldiers. Originally mobilized for Operation Iraqi Freedom I, the 494th supported the infantry with missions inside Mosul, Rook said.

The company returned to Fort Campbell, Ky., in March 2004. Nine months later, the unit was mobilized again and returned to the same camp it had recently left.

More than half of the platoon just came out of basic training, Jackson said. Although the Soldiers are new, they have come a long way.

"We train [the Soldiers] to take over if one of us goes down," Jackson said. "At

any point, they'll be able to take over the mission."

One of these new Soldiers is Pfc. David Moody, a truck driver, who manned a .50-caliber machine gun. Moody arrived at the unit from advanced individual training one month before the unit deployed.

"I enjoy my job," Moody said. "I wouldn't miss it for the world."

From the turrets, gunners like Moody keep a sharp eye out for anything out of place that might signal an IED or an insurgent. The drivers keep their eyes on the road, and the assistant drivers keep an eye on the drivers.

The hours slipped away and the platoon finally reached the hills that marked the approach of Habur Gate. The small outpost near the Turkish border coordinates third country national supply caravans entering and leaving the country.

The 494th Soldiers got some sleep, checked e-mail and grabbed some food from the kitchen or exercised in the gym. The next night would bring the second leg of the journey back to Diamondback.

"Pick a Soldier, they'll be able to tell you a story," Jackson said. "We've been through a lot."

"I think about home and family," Moody said, explaining how he keeps himself motivated for the mission. "I thank God I'm alive every day."

Moody added his thanks to all the people who support the troops "back home."

"The major reason for success is the Soldiers are smart and learn quickly," Rook said. "They're well trained and keep an eye on what's going on around them."

## Former Marine serves in Guard



Photo by Sgt. Joshua Salmons

**Spc. Kirk Camblin**

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**4<sup>th</sup> Sustainment Brigade PAO**

CAMP TAJI, Iraq – With six kids, a wife and a farm to get back to, Spc. Kirk Camblin is very ready to go back home.

At 37, the Effingham, Kan., native has seen service in both the Marines and the Army, serving in Desert Storm and now Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Leaving the Marines after Desert Storm, Camblin took a 14-year break from the military and joined the Kansas National Guard just before this current deployment.

A truck driver with the 137th Transportation Company, Camblin has manned a .50-caliber machine gun as part of the Quick Reaction Force for the past five months.

"I love it, we have really good guys," he said of his QRF compatriots. "We've had good training to get us going."

Responding to his time in the Marines with a strong "Hoo-rah," Camblin said his time as a devil dog helped him for combat during OIF.

"It keeps me aggressive," he said. "I have to hold on to my Marine roots – it's who I am."

"People come to me a lot with questions. I like being the go-to guy. It makes my time go by faster."

With 11 months under his belt, Camblin and his unit are finishing out their deployment under the command of the newly-arrived 4th Sustainment Brigade. Looking back on his time spent in Iraq, Camblin said he's seen a lot of improvements.

"I've seen a lot of good changes in the last year with the people," he said. "With the polling, everything went really smooth. Last year it didn't."

The time spent away from home is hard on his family, Camblin said, but they are coping with the challenges.

"It's hard on the younger kids, they don't understand," he said. "I'm really proud of my wife, she's done really well."

"My wife is taking care of the cattle on our farm too, so I need to get back to help out."

Camblin hopes to earn a degree in Homeland Security and obtain a dog-handling license when he gets back home. He'll then look at serving with a K9 security team in the States or even back here in Iraq as a civilian, he said.



# Tuskegee Airmen visit LSA Anaconda

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Dillard once served as chief of maintenance under Col. (then Capt.) Dick Toliver at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., in 1984.

"I saw him as an instructor ... a mentor," Dillard said.

Army Sgt. Michael (Luke) Loukos, Co. B, 1st Battalion, 126th Aviation Regiment, said, "They are encouragers. I think that's their gift."

At the Eastside Morale, Welfare and Recreation Center, the Soldiers of LSA Anaconda took the opportunity to meet the famed pilots.

Toliver said today's servicemembers "motivated, inspired and encouraged" him.

A second-generation Tuskegee Airman who served during the Korean and Vietnam wars, Toliver warned that the vestiges of the past still exist, urging servicemembers not to take for granted that they have "arrived."

He said every generation gets a chance to take on challenges in their own time.

"Don't be afraid to get out of your comfort zone and fight for what's right," he said.

"You are the Tuskegee Airmen of the 21st century."

As servicemembers and civilians filtered by for autographs and photos, Toliver cemented this pledge with, "Welcome to the legacy."

Army Staff Sgt. Cheryl Dorsey, 565th Movement Control Team, said the Airmen's presence, as well as their heritage, inspired her. "It is a great honor that they came to see us."

Dorsey added that younger generations should take time to learn from those who've come before them.

"Start listening more to the older folks," she said.

"Our relatives told us how it was, and passed the knowledge on to us."

"Fifty to 60 years from now," Toliver said, "someone will be telling your story."



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Jennifer K. Yancey

Members of the famed Tuskegee Airmen (left to right): Master Sgt. James Sheppard, Tech Sgt. George Watson Sr., Lt. Col. Lee Archer, Lt. Col. Robert "Bob" Ashby, and Col. Dick Toliver, stand before a mural honoring them at the Air Force Theater Hospital here. Original members of the Tuskegee Airmen paid a visit to Iraq to pay tribute to today's servicemembers.

# 126th keeping roads safe

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"Sometimes we reminisce; we might talk about an old song," Bryant said. "We try to keep motivated and keep our minds off of the negative possibilities while keeping an eye out for everything."

Allen and Sgt. Rodicus Owens shared a story of their first incident with an IED. The explosive, which consisted of two landmines, hit their CLP. The patrol had to stop to tow a vehicle, yet no one was hurt. The Soldiers laughed at the situation in retrospect, but they also remembered the fear that was involved when it happened.

Bryant explained that his gun truck team is made up of great Soldiers and great leaders. Allen, Bryant and Owens are ready for challenges that they may face on the road while the Soldiers of the 126th are keeping the civilian contractors and the cargo of the CLPs safe on their way to their destinations.

# Supply School

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"The school is very good. It taught me a lot of mechanical things," Hossen said. "The U.S. Army helps the Iraqi army a lot," he added.

Students from different tribes attend the school side by side.

"One of my initial concerns was that there would be tension between both the Sunnis and the Shiites and also the Kurdish students that we have. It is really not an issue at all. I have been pleasantly surprised," Nogic said.

Hossen said that there are occasional political disputes, but students get along pretty well. "I am just Iraqi, not Shiite, and not Sunni. One Iraq, one nation," he declared.

"I love the army. It is dangerous, but my future is in the army. Maybe one day I will go to college for the army, and I will become an officer," Hossen said ambitiously.

The course Hossen is in runs for 20 days. Students are given textbooks written in Arabic, which they may take home at the end of their training.

All students are evaluated through written exams and practical exercises.

They receive a diploma when they have satisfactorily completed the course, Nogic explained. The school is in the process of adding more courses to the already existing ones, said Colborn.

They hope to train more and more students, trying to give them a foundation so that they can go back home to their units as logisticians, sharing their knowledge with fellow Iraqi soldiers, Nogic explained.

"I think that one of the things that will help make or break the Iraqi army is their service and support infrastructure. If we can continue to push out officers that are competent in those areas, it will greatly increase the chances of the Iraqis being able to provide security for their own country."



Photo by Staff Sgt. Monika Comeaux

Iraqi soldiers, who are students at the Iraqi Army Supply Services Institute, conduct inventory of the tools they signed for in the maintenance bay.



AROUND 3rd COSCOM



Photo by Cpl. Laura Ruscio

My recruiter said I was going to the desert

The Soldiers from 814th Engineer Company were tasked to improve the security of the Tigris River on Oct. 12.



Photo by Sgt. Jason Mikeworth

It's a modern Army

Soldiers celebrate Hispanic Heritage month at LSA Anaconda.



Photo by 1st Lt. Michael H. Smith

Shhh... I'm huntin' wabbits

Staff Sgt. Josh Adams tries to calm excited children during a Combat Recon Area Patrol outside Anaconda.